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THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TODAY, the Range having been placed at the disposal of the Royal Engineers.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. 12636

GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.

PROF. H. WINTER,

THE GREAT AMERICAN INDIAN EXPERT, Warriour to Our Hard and Soft Corps, Bazaar, In-growing Nails, and Warts.

Guaranties to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and, further, guarantees to perform a perfect cure.

Mr. WINTER's name is spoken of in the highest terms by various well-known gentlemen who have suffered from the same, and who have referred to him for treatment.

He is now on his tour around the world, and has just arrived from India and will remain until JANUARY at Thomas's Grill Room, No. 4.

Office hours from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Consultation free of charge.

Those who wish Mr. Winter to visit them, will please send their address, and he will call on Mondays and Fridays between 2 and 3 P.M.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Private interviews will be given between 1 and 3 P.M.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. 12636

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY,

21st December.

CAPTAIN ROELAND having kindly lent

to the Victoria Recreation Club the British ship "Kensington" as Flagship, the Committee request the pleasure of the Company of the LADIES of Hongkong on Board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Those who are the owners of the Chief Manager of the DOCK COMPANY, the Flagship will convey passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving the NEW PDRDER'S WHARF at 12.30 P.M. and 1 P.M., and returning 10 minutes after the last race.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented on board the Flagship by Miss BURTON on TUESDAY.

Address, "The Flagship" 18th day.

A portion of the Flagship will be reserved for Ladies and their Friends.

TICKETS of Admission may be obtained from the STEWARD, Victoria Recreation Club, or on Board.

By kind permission of Major RETAILLICK and the Officers, the Band of the Hongkong Regiment will perform on TUESDAY.

W. S. BAILEY,

Acting Hon. Secretary,

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. 12637

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SCREENS AND KAKIMONO.

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BIRTH.—At Swatow, on the 16th December, the wife of J.
SCHLÄTER, of a son. [259]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 17th 1893.

Among the questions discussed at the first
meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce
that referring to the working of the
Hongkong Post Office possessed the most
general interest for the community. There
is, we imagine, hardly a firm and not many
individual residents in the colony who have
not suffered more or less inconvenience
during the past six months through some
lapse by the Post Office, either in the late
delivery of letters, the non-delivery or loss
of the same, or from having to pay fines
consequent on the theft of stamps on
correspondence. It is small wonder that the
members of the Chamber should have waxed
impatient at the continuance of evil which
have been so productive of annoyances and
in many instances of loss. Nor is it
marvellous that there should have been
some difference of opinion as to the policy
of the course pursued by the Committee.

There seemed at first blush very good
reasons why the Committee might have
embraced the offer made by the Government,
to appoint a Committee to inquire into the working of the Post Office, but it
is evident that the General Committee felt
that they had sound grounds for declining to
call themselves of the invitation, and the
large majority of the members, when appealed to, sustained them in that decision.

The remarks made on this subject by Major-
General WILSON BLACK, in his despatchary
address to the Legislative Council, also
constitute a good reason why the Chamber
should not embark on a long and tedious
inquiry which will probably be rendered
unnecessary by the recommendations of the
gallant General. Moreover, if even there
had proved to be a trio of the members of
the Chamber who were willing to devote
the time and trouble necessary for the con-
duct of such an investigation, it may be
doubted whether they would have possessed

the requisite knowledge for such a purpose.
It seems to us that only an expert from St.
Martin's-le-Grand could ascertain properly
wherein lie the principal defects of the pre-
sent system and the loopholes through which
it is possible the thefts and irregularities
are committed with impunity. It would
probably take a trained postal official to
show how checks should be imposed and
precautions taken to prevent abuses and
guarantee the safety of correspondence.

The second match in the Polo Tournament
takes place at 4 p.m. to-day between The Royal
Artillery and The King's Own. Teams—
R. A. KING'S OWN.
Capt. Harvey 4 Capt. Laurie
Mr. Loring 3 Mr. Johnson
Capt. Simonds 2 Capt. Paton
Mr. Hudson 1 Mr. Woods

We trust that the Chinese Government is sending
a commercial mission to Europe and America,
which is on its return to make a full report to
the Throne, especially with reference to the estab-
lishment of a Board of Trade at Peking.
The mission leaves in the spring and returns in
the autumn. It will consist of two members,
both of whom, we understand, are connected with
the direction of the Imperial Bank of China.

The new quarters of the Soldiers and Sailors
Institute were formally opened on Wednesday
last. That evening there was held a tea and
concert arranged by the Hongkong Temper-
ence Union, at which over 150 were present.
The Chairman of the Institute, Mr. J. L. Lomax,
spoke at the concert, and also to all those
present helpers who so ably assisted in decorating
the rooms and in providing the tea and other
refreshments.

A cricket match will be played to-day, the
Hongkong Cricket Club against the Fleet,
commencing at 11 a.m. The Club is represented
by Messrs. G. A. Campbell, Capt. Lomax,
R. H. G. Campbell, R. A. Lethbridge, Capt.
R. O. R., Capt. Langhorne, R. A. and Capt.
Valentines. As the Navy have a large Fleet to
choose from it is expected that they will put in
a very strong eleven and a good match is
anticipated.

We have received a copy of the appeal issued
on behalf of the sailors from the Yellow River
Institute and the Shantung and Hornan Missionary
Conference. The Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank has kindly opened an account for the
"Yellow River Fleet Relief Fund" and all
funds in response to the appeal may be sent to
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or to Mr.
C. F. Forsyth, Treasurer of the English
Baptist Mission, Chingchouen, care of Messrs.
Fergusson & Co., Chefoo.

The China Gazette of the 12th December
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The N. C. Daily News of the 12th December
says—Mr. M. J. M. Van der Valken, Consul-General
of Portugal at Canton, came yesterday
to the Hongkong Consul-General's office
to pay his respects to the Hon. Dr. Stoebel,
the retiring Consul-General of Germany, who
is going home to-day on leave. Sir Nicholas
and Lady Miss Mannion, Miss de Beaurain,
and the members of the Consular Body, Ten
Tafel and his Secretary, Mr. F. F. Ye, were
at a large number of tables to receive
the Consul-General, and the first
of the day's work was well filled. Mr.
Valdes in a very neat speech in English
proposed Dr. Stoebel's health, dwelling on
the good work he had done for all foreigners
here as Senior Consul, and the hospitality
he had always shown, and the toast was
drunk enthusiastically by all three sheets.
English, French and Chinese.

Baron Hongkong and Shanghai has changed
hands in the early part of the week at 233 and
233½ per cent. profit; later, the demand continuing
and the London rate improving to 253, the
market strengthened considerably and sales
were effected at 241, 242, and 243 per cent.
premium, and subsequently at 250 and 250 per
cent. premium. On time shares changed hands at
242 and 243 per cent. premium, and the demand
at 250 and 250 per cent. equivalent or rather
higher than equivalent rates on London. Nationals
have been negotiated at 218.

MARINE INSURANCES.—The market has
been very dull, quotations without any busi-
ness.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Small sales of Hong-
kong at \$320 and of China at \$350 have taken
place.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong and Shanghai has
changed hands at \$261, the market closing
steadily at that rate. Douglares after small
sales at \$35 are on offer at \$354. Inde-Chinas
have slightly improved to \$39. China Manilas
have been quoted to \$95 after a small sale at \$88.
China Mutuals continue in demand at quo-
tations.

CHINESE.—China Sizares after sales at
\$108 close firm with no sellers. Leagues without
quotation.

MINING.—Pangjus have ruled neglected
at 26.35 whilst a few, preference have changed
hands at \$1.50. Queen Mines have been buyers
at 70 cents. Jelobes at \$3.85. Raub at \$39
and \$39, and Great Eastern at \$7.85. Oliver
have been negotiates.

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COAST.—Hongkong have changed hands
at \$261 and \$27, closing steadily at latter rate.
Other quotations are taken from Shanghai circular.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Small sales of Star Forces
at \$29.50. Rates at \$17.24, and Campbell Moore's
at \$10 constitute all the business under this
head.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS"]

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Sir William Harcourt has written to Mr.
Morley resigning the leadership of the Liberal
Party on the ground that he cannot consent
to lead a party bent by sectional disputes and
personal interests. The papers consider the
position of the Liberal Party serious.

THE FRENCH STATE LOAN
FOR INDO-CHINA.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donation to the funds
of the Hospitals—L. Shiu Yung (collected by),
\$140.

The N. C. Daily News of the 12th December
says—The U.S. Petrel is to leave this on
Thursday, as soon as her repairs are completed,
for Manila. The U.S. Boreas was expected at
Woolwich yesterday, to-day.

The Prince Heinrich, which had been delayed
by bad weather, anchored off Green Island at
about five o'clock last night, but the mail will
not be delivered until to-day. Prince Henry
was on board for the Princess and brought her
ashore.

We learn that the Chinese at Canton, both
aristocratic and popular, will be invited to
the wedding of a husband that the friends of
the married man should have been called upon
to pay the costs of the trial.

Professor H. Winter, the well known
chiropractor, who was here a year ago, is again
on a visit to Hongkong and may be consulted
at the Chinese Hospital. Dr. S. Wilson's last visit
to the Chinese was, however, to India, where he
treated many distinguished patients.

The advantages which Mr. Fritchard Mor-
gan secured in Szechuan are not quite accur-
ately described—as our northern contemporary
describes them—as "Concession." The min-
erals rights in Szechuan have actually been
granted to the Chinese Government, which is
a great advantage, which finds a large portion of
the necessary capital, and has called in Mr. Fritch-
ard Morgan to assist it both financially and
technically. Meanwhile, as we learn from
Peking, the French Minister there has already
entered a protest against the grant in question
having been made to the Syndicate—N. C.
Daily News.

It is a VIRTUE OF WOMANHOOD that
a good housekeeper will not
spend two shillings where one will do well.
While some would buy a 2 oz. bottle of fluid
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THE LEOPOLD CASE AT
YOKOHAMA.

CONVICTION OF THE ACCUSED

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS"]

YOKOHAMA, 16th December.
The Leopold fraud case has ended in the con-
viction of the accused. The sentence is two
years' hard labour, to be served in the prison at
Yokohama.

The charge upon which Charles Emil
Leopold was committed for trial was that
having unlawfully procured the signature
of H. Ahrens & Co., "Wolff," to
bills of lading and policies of insurance, he
obtained from the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank various sums of money amounting in the
aggregate to over \$14,000 on the face of
the bills of lading.

The way in which the fraud was committed was
explained by the prosecuting counsel as follows:—The
firm of H. Ahrens & Co., Nachf., are German
merchants engaged in import business at Yoko-
hama, and, as far as we know, to the N. D. Lloyd
Steamship Company and a marine insurance
company. The firm has been for many years
in the service of the Bank, and the manager
of the firm has been in charge of the shipping
and insurance business of the firm and was thus
in a most confidential position. It may be assumed
that Mr. Leopold was doing an expert business
with the knowledge and consent of the firm,
which did not export business itself. On the 1st
Dec. last year he obtained by making a false
pretense to the manager of the Bank a bill of
lading for 100 boxes of tea, and obtained
from the manager a bill of lading and insurance
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Capt. Schüter	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	December	
SIGIRIA	GENOA AND HAMBURG	About 5th	Freight and Passage.
Capt. Hildebrandt	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	January	
ASTURIA	HAMBURG AND ANTWERP	About 18th	Freight.
Capt. Hahn	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	January	

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